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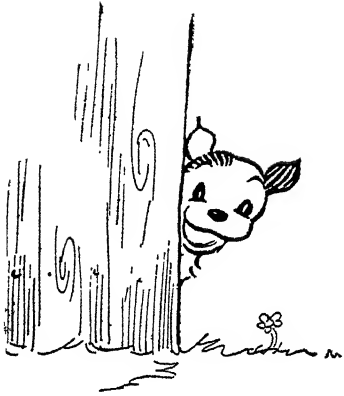
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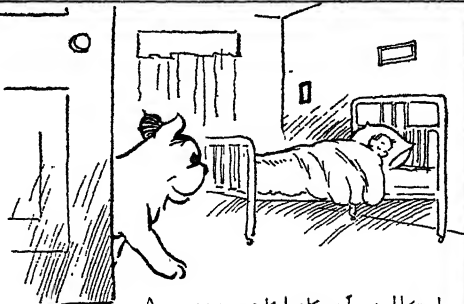
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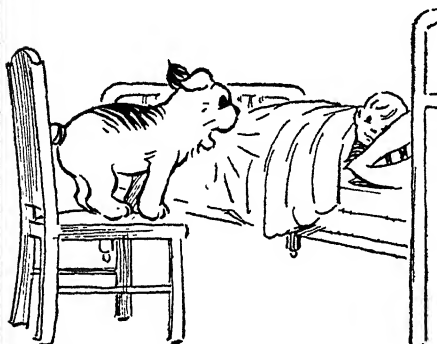




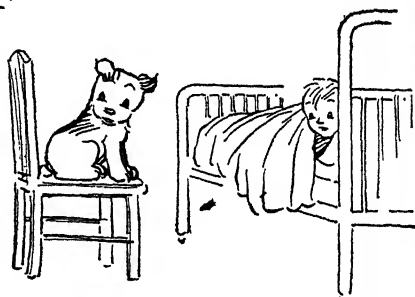
Mrs. Simpson sent me upstairs to get the Boss out of bed this morning ~ said she thought he was over sleeping again ~



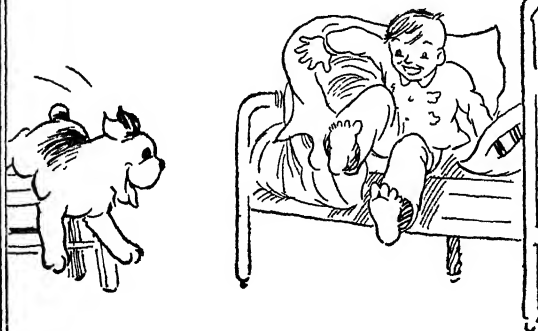
A moment later I walked into his room and sure enough he was snoozing as soundly as though it was midnight!



Well, I soon put an end to the snoozing but that was as far as I got with my barking ~



I finally decided I would have to try something else and was wondering what it would be when suddenly Mrs. Simpson called out and said: "You had better hurry, son ~ Lucy has made some delicious buckwheat cakes and they are almost ready to serve!"

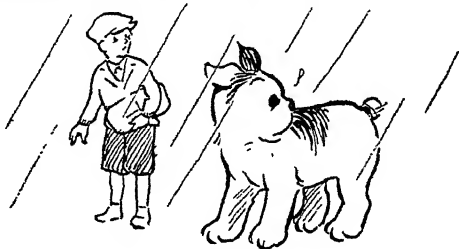


You should have seen what happened then! Anyway, all I had to do was to keep out of his way, because he certainly did move fast and the first thing I knew he was dressed and ready for breakfast!

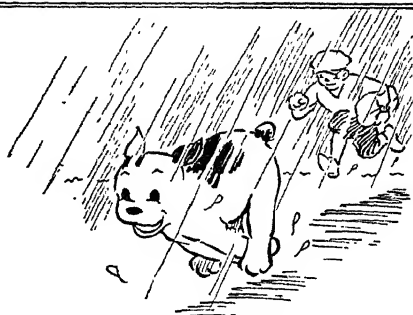
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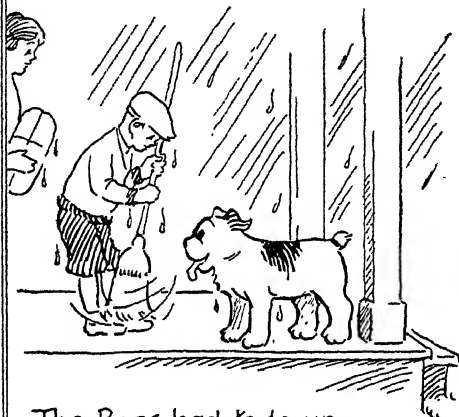
The "Boss" ~ Sometimes
known as Sammy
Simpson ~



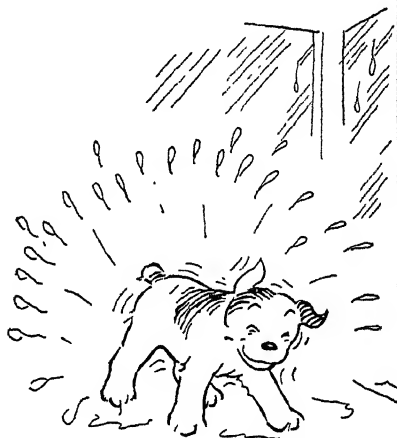
As the Boss and I were returning from the grocery store this morning it suddenly began to rain to beat the band~



By the time we reached home we were soaked to the skin!



The Boss had to go upstairs and change all his clothes and put on dry ones~



But all I had to do was give myself a few good shakes and the job was done.

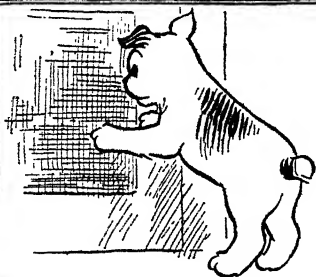


Being a pup has it's advantages, all right.

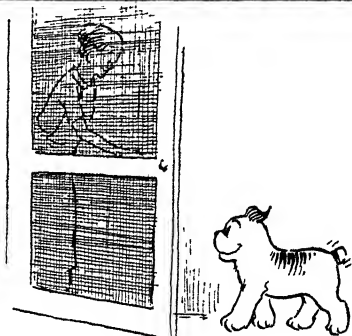
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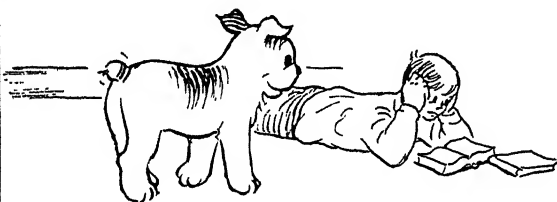
"SPONGE"



I knew there was no school today and I expected to have a great time with the Boss but for some reason or other he was keeping unusually quiet~



I finally got Lucy to open the door for me and I went in to see if I could discover what had happened to the Boss~



I found him stretched out on the floor reading a couple of ol' books~

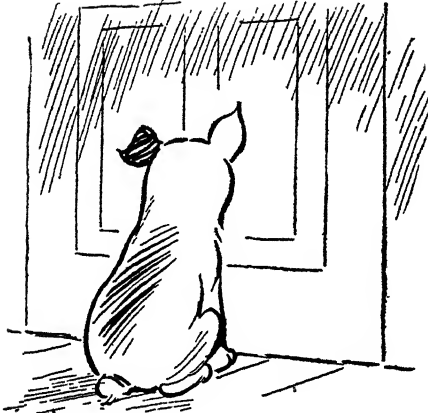


I tried to get him to put them away and come out and play with me but he muttered something about "examinations" and kept on reading~



However, I decided to stay right with him and be ready to start something the minute he finished with his books~

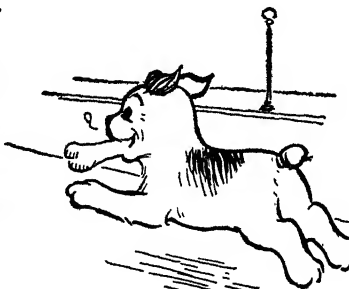
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"Here comes the Boss-
I recognize the sound
of his footsteps ~"



While I was having a regular picnic with a big juicy bone today I noticed the Boss leave the house and start down the street~



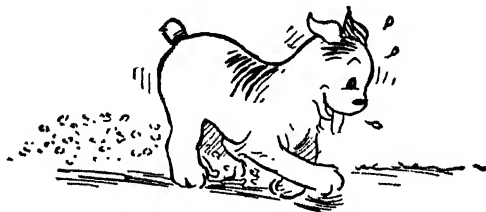
I had an idea he was going to the grocery store so I picked up my bone and followed him~



But he objected to the bone~said it would not look nice for me to go trotting down the street with such a thing in my mouth~



So he dug a hole in the ground and buried it for me~

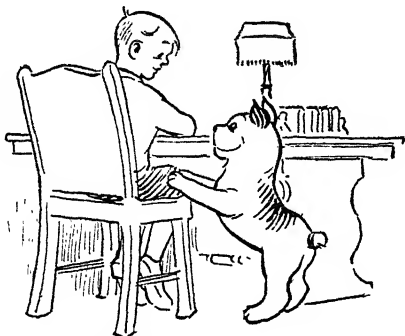


But I was not at all satisfied with the location and as soon as we returned from the grocery store I dug it up and found a much better place for it.

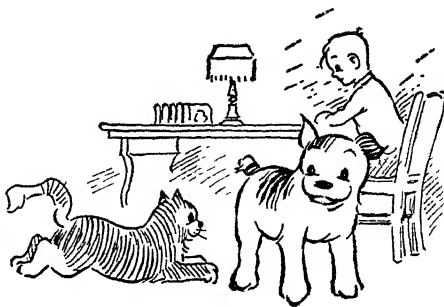
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"Now I know why the Boss
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soak up milk just like a
sponge soaks up water!"



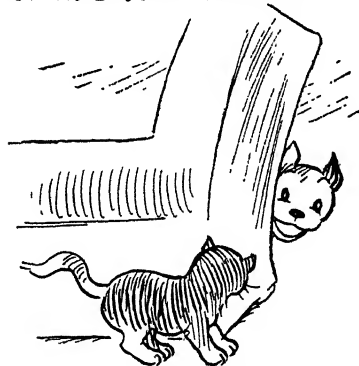
I tried to get the Boss to play with me this evening but he refused~ said he had to get his lessons for tomorrow~



A few moments later Sponge came bounding into the room so I decided to have some fun with her and let the Boss do his work~



Sponge was feeling just right for a frolic so it didn't take me long to get her started~



And we were soon having such a good time that we forgot all about the Boss~



He evidently noticed that we were having a lot of fun though, for shortly afterwards he put his books away and asked us if he could join our party!

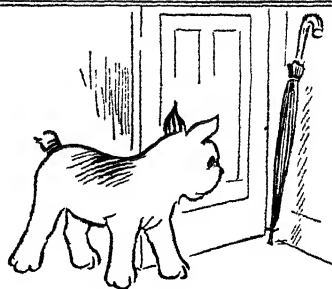
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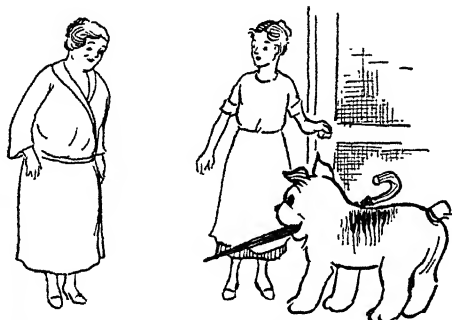
"Oh, My! Wouldn't I like to have charge of that for about ten minutes! ~
Guess I'd better leave it alone, though ~ I haven't forgotten what Mrs. Simpson did to me once for getting rough with one of her fancy hats."



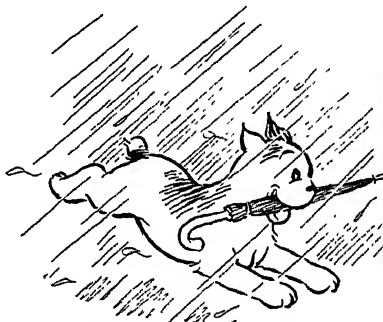
Just about the time school usually lets out it began to rain to beat the band ~



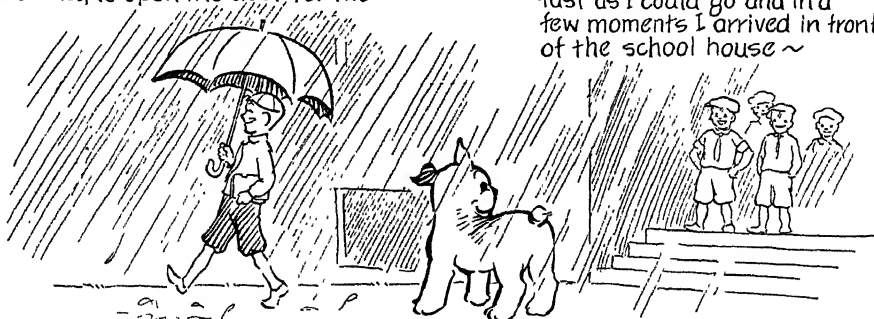
I ran into the Boss' room to see if he had taken his umbrella with him and I found it standing in its usual place behind the door ~



I figured this was a fine chance for me to do the Boss a good turn, so I picked it up and started off with it. However, for a moment or two it looked as though Lucy wasn't going to let me get out of the house with it; but just then Mrs. Simpson came along and she understood right away what I wanted to do with it and told Lucy to open the door for me ~

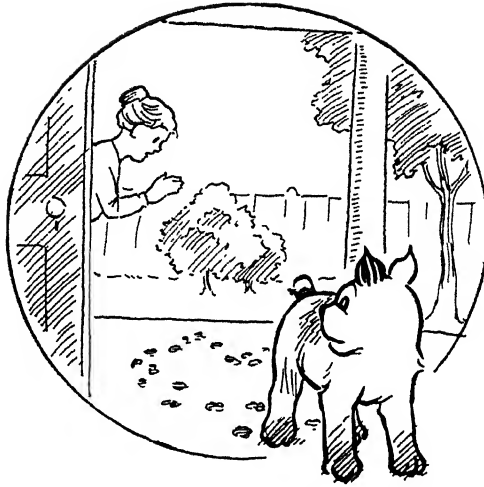


I sailed down the street as fast as I could go and in a few moments I arrived in front of the school house ~

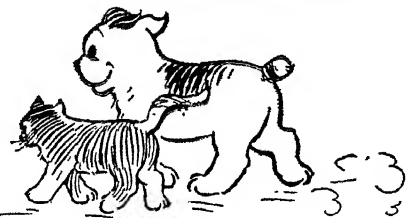


The Boss and some of his friends were on the steps waiting for the rain to slacken up. When they saw me they let out a big whoop and one of the boys asked the Boss if he wanted to sell me. He said, "yes-for a MILLION dollars!" But I'm not worried-I don't believe that fellow has that much money!

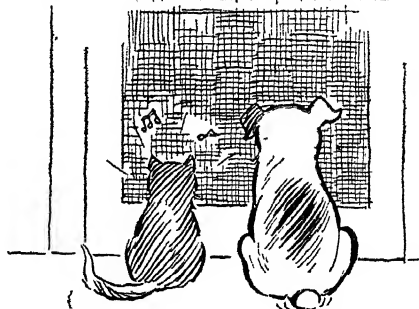
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"Now, what's Lucy getting
so excited about, I wonder?"



A hungry spell came over Sponge and me shortly before noon today so we decided to see if we could not persuade Lucy to give us a bite or two ~



We camped in front of the kitchen door and Sponge began to 'meow' real sweetly; and every time Lucy passed by the door I wagged my tail good-naturedly ~



In a few minutes she came out carrying a large pan and we could tell by the way she was holding it that it was full of something good ~

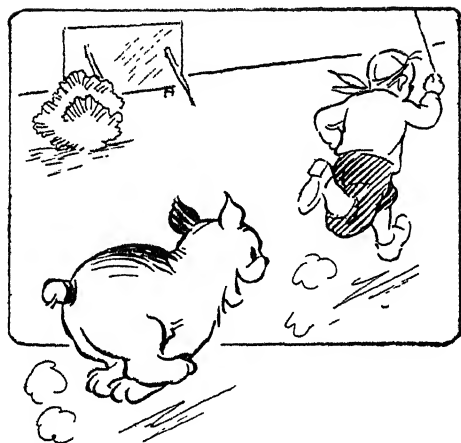


But fiddlesticks, it was nothing but a lot of potato peelings for the chickens to nibble on!



But the funny part of it was, we got to arguing as to which of us had been fooled the worse and we forgot all about being hungry!!

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"I wonder if he actually thinks
he can out run me -"



On returning from a long hike this afternoon I found the Boss and several of his friends all huddled together and greatly excited about something~



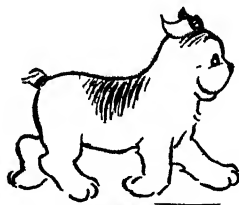
They seemed to have made an important discovery of some kind~



I squeezed in under the Boss and what do you suppose I saw?

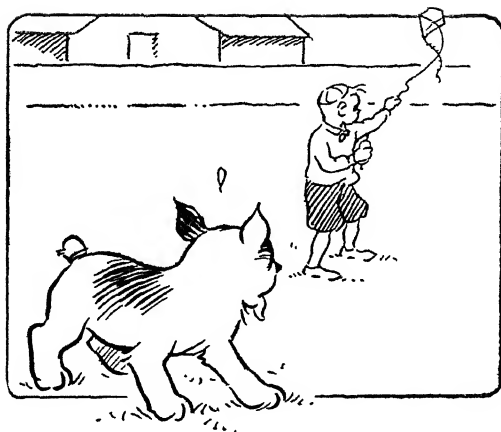


Nothing but a bunch of little marbles!!

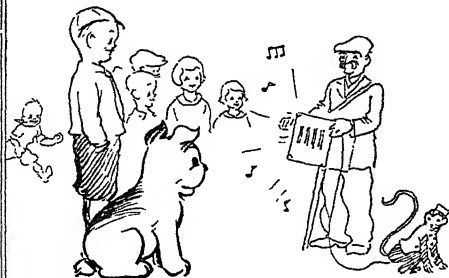


Huh, it takes more than that to get this pup excited!

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"-Fiddlesticks! I thought we were going to have a race but he was just trying to fly his kite!"



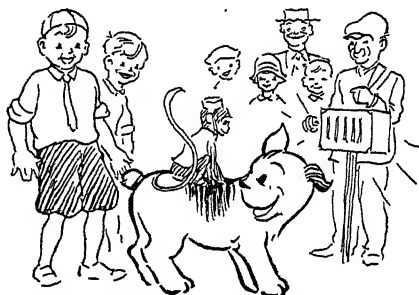
The ol' organ grinder and his monkey stopped in front of our house this afternoon ~



The music was pretty good but most everybody liked the little monkey the best ~ He did lots of funny tricks ~



He didn't seem to think very much of me at first and wouldn't come near me until the Boss told him he had a coin for him ~

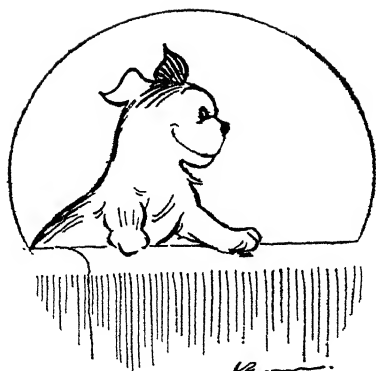


But when he saw that I wasn't going to bother him he became real friendly and the first thing I knew he was sitting on my back!! I decided that that was an invitation for me to give him a ride so I circled around in front of the crowd a time or two ~



Well, it worked better than I expected. He combined business with pleasure and collected a lot of coins for his master as he rode along!

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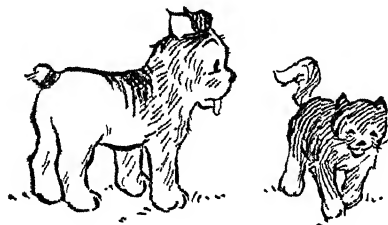
"Here comes the post~
man - I hope he stops
and plays with me a
while"



I discovered a curious looking place in the old cinder pile this afternoon and I started digging to see what I could find ~



I worked to beat the band for about half an hour but couldn't find a thing and at last I gave it up as a bad job ~



Met Sponge as I was going up the alley and as soon as she saw me she burst out laughing ~ When I asked her what it was all about she just said: "I think the Boss wants to see you" ~ and kept on going!



That aroused my curiosity and I didn't stop until I had found the Boss ~ But he didn't laugh - NO SIR-E-E!! ~ He just put me into a big tub of water and gave me a good scrubbing!! And he said the next time I wanted to do some digging I had better go some place besides a cinder pile or an ash heap!

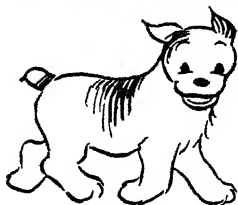


Well, I appreciated his advice more than the bath but I guess I needed both ~

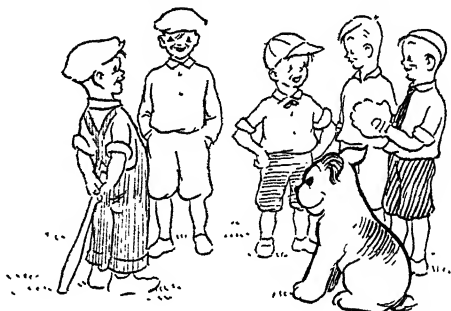
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"A couple of jumps
more and I'll have
it."



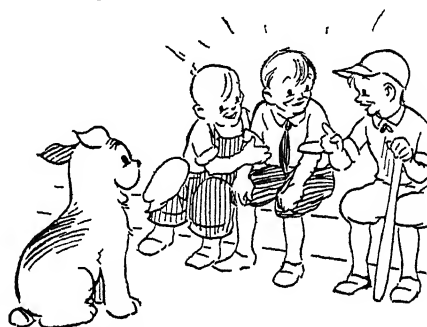
This game of base ball the Boss and his friends play is getting more interesting every day ~



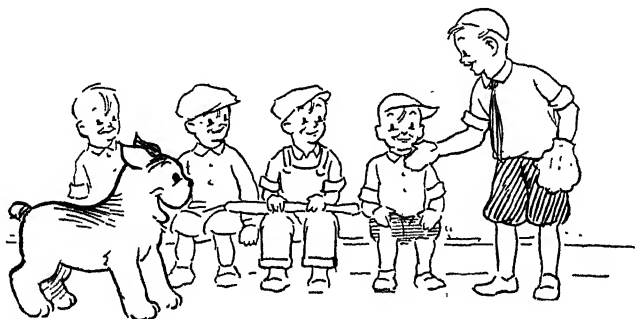
This afternoon they organized the team and elected officers, or something like that ~



Then they tried to decide on a name for the team but it proved to be a big job ~ They thought of all kinds of funny ones but none of them seemed to suit ~

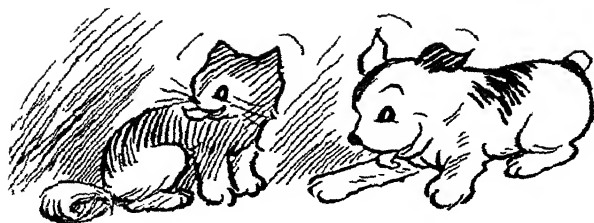


Finally, one of the boys suggested "Katydids" ~ That made a great hit ~ in fact, the more they thought about it the better they liked it!

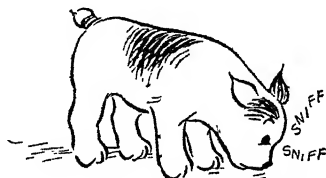


But the big surprise came when the Boss got up and made a motion that I be appointed "chief mascot" for the team! The vote was unanimous so I guess I'm elected!

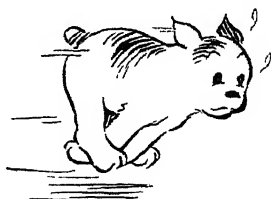
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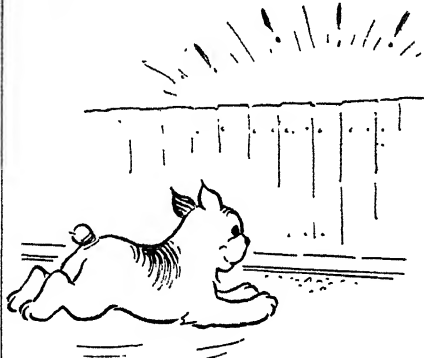
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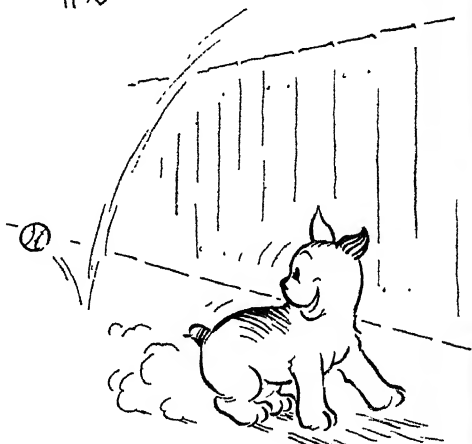
I went for a hike this afternoon and when I got back I found that the Boss had already returned from school and got his ball and bat and gone over to the ball grounds~



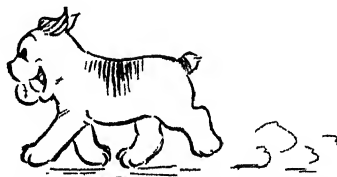
That meant I would be late for practice and maybe lose my job as mascot. I decided to get over there as soon as possible and see what they would have to say about it~



I had almost reached the ball grounds when suddenly I heard the Boss and his friends shouting and making an awful noise~ Evidently, some one had made a good play~



The next minute a ball came sailing over the fence and just as quickly I thought of a fine idea!

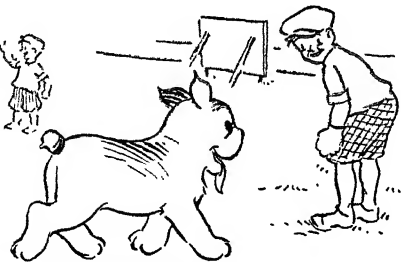


I picked up the ball and dashed around the corner with it and instead of getting "balled out" for being late I got three rousing cheers for being "on the job" !!

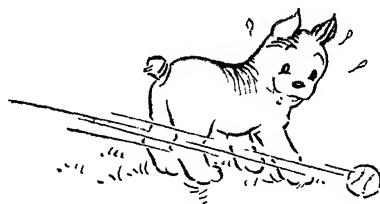
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"This is the most fun
I have had by myself
in a long time~"



On this mascot job, if I can't find anything else to do, I amble around and visit with the different players~



I was doing that this afternoon but before I had gone very far, some one gave the ball an awful wallop and it came whizzing along a few feet back of me!



I tore out after it as fast as I could go and as soon as I got hold of it I sailed over to the third baseman with it who threw it to the second baseman just in time to put some fellow out!!



But imagine my surprise when I found out that it was the Boss! ~~~He didn't say much but his team-mates made an awful fuss~ said it wasn't fair because I had helped them!

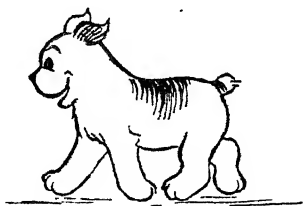


But the Boss quickly fixed matters up by saying I could play centerfield for them when they were out. That seemed to meet with everybody's approval~ including my own~ and from then on the game was more exciting than ever!

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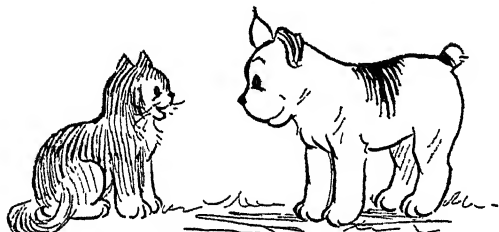
"Let's see now - Seems
to me I buried it right in
here somewhere~"



I haven't seen much of Sponge since I have been mascot for the "Katydid's", so this afternoon I decided to look her up and let her know that I had not forgotten her altogether~



She was busy washing her face and slicking herself up when I found her~ As soon as she saw me she got all excited and began to tell me about a little girl who is visiting next door~



"She is the most wonderful little girl you ever saw", she said, "and the last two days she and I have been having a regular picnic together!"

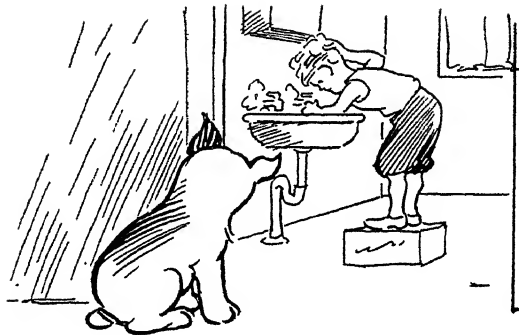


Then she told me she would like to take me over and introduce me sometime ~ said she knew I would fall in love with her right away ~



I told her it sounded interesting and that I would be glad to meet the young lady sometime, but I don't think I will get as excited over her as Sponge has-I'm too interested in the Boss and baseball!

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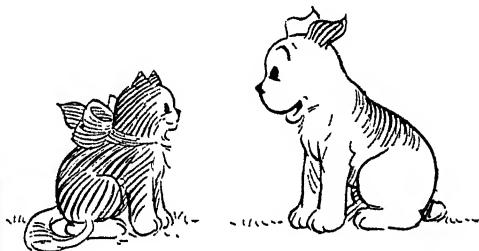
"I guess I had better not let him see me ~ He might get the idea that I wanted a scrubbing, too!"



Sponge called on her little girl friend next door again this afternoon and when she came back she was a sight — had a big pink ribbon tied around her neck!



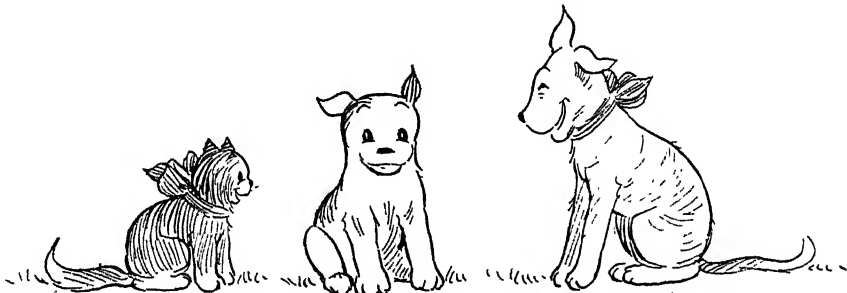
Of course, it didn't look so bad on Sponge—in fact, it was rather becoming to her, but I could never imagine a dog going around with anything like that around his neck!



~ And I told Sponge that if there was any likelihood of her little friend wanting to dress me up like that I did not care to meet her ~



Just then ol' Major came bouncing into the yard and would you believe it— he was dressed up in a big pink ribbon, too!!



However, he hastened to assure me that he was not greatly in favor of such things but said that the young lady had put it on him and he was going to wear it just to please her. He seemed to think I would feel the same way about it after I had known her a while.

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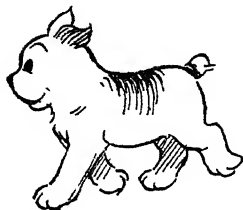
"I hear the Boss calling
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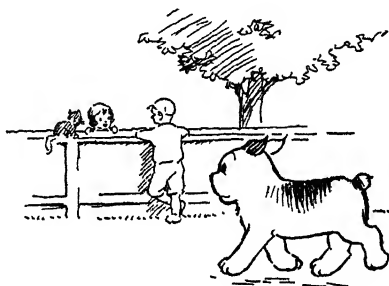
The "Katydids" planned to play ball this afternoon so I made it a point to be around about the time I thought the Boss would return from school ~



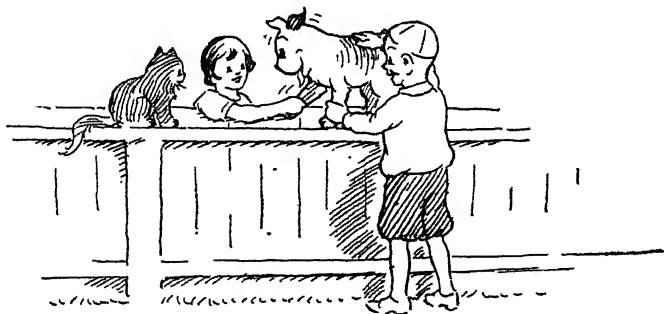
However, he did not show up at the usual time. I was beginning to think he might have had to stay after school when suddenly I heard a familiar voice!



It came from the direction of the neighbor's yard and it sounded exactly like the Boss ~ I decided I had better do a little investigating ~



Sure enough it was the Boss ~ He was having a lively chat with Sponge's little girl friend and he seemed to have forgotten all about base ball!

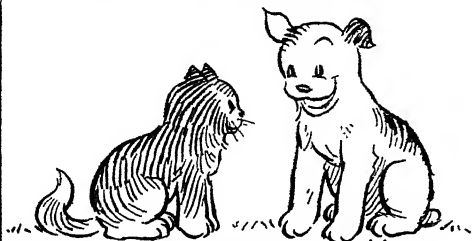


~ And so did I, after the Boss had introduced me to the young lady and she had shaken my paw so friendly and good-naturedly!!

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"I'll just run past the Boss a time or two with this stick in my mouth and then he will begin playing with me~~ It's an old trick of mine and it always works"~



I was anxious to get better acquainted with Betty-the little girl next door- so this morning I suggested to Sponge that we go over for a little visit~



She thought it was a good idea but said she would like to clean up a little first~ I told her that was agreeable to me and that I would wait for her~



However, I hadn't figured on it taking her so long and pretty soon I began to get a little impatient~

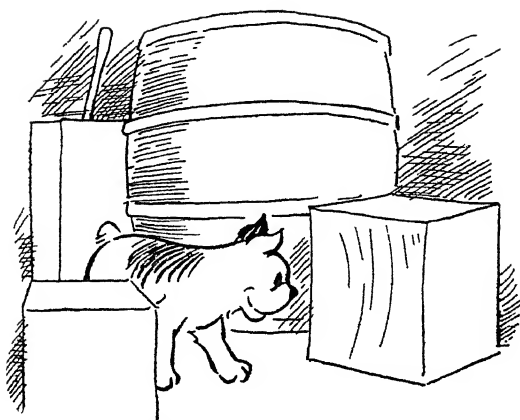


Finally, I pitched in and helped her finish the job!

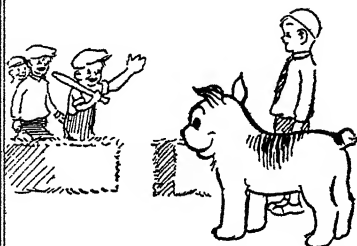


Then we sauntered over to Betty's house and when she saw us she immediately noticed how nice and pretty Sponge looked - Said she was the neatest and cleanest little kitten she had ever seen! When I heard that, I was glad that I had had a hand in slicking her up!

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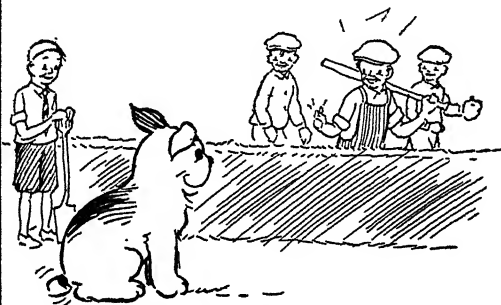
"Seems to me I should be
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interesting in a place like
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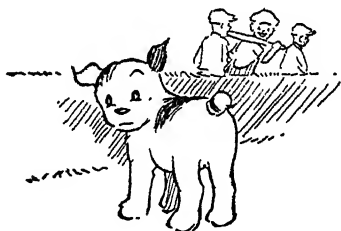
About nine o'clock this morning some of the "Katydid" ball players came along and asked the Boss to go over to the vacant lot and pitch a game or two for them ~



However, he had to refuse ~ said he had promised to help his mother straighten up the flower beds ~



Then they tried to get me to go with them ~ said they could never get along without a mascot and that they knew I was not busy with anything ~

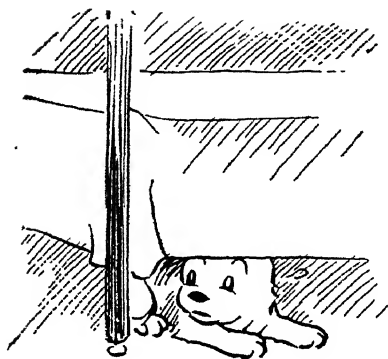


Well, I hardly knew what to do ~ I did not want to lose my job as mascot and at the same time I did not like the idea of running away and leaving the Boss ~



I finally decided that if they could get along without their best pitcher, they could get along without me! The Boss didn't say anything but I could tell by the grin on his face that he approved of my actions ~

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* Ugh! I just heard Mrs. Simpson tell the Boss it was about time I was getting another bath!"



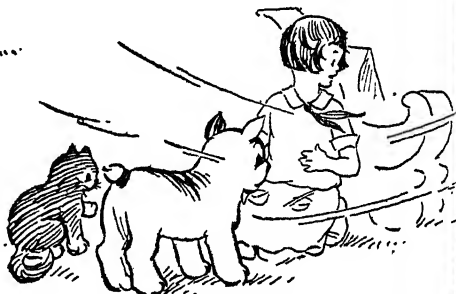
Sponge and I went over to see Betty this afternoon ~ Found her out on the lawn "playing house" with her dolls ~



She pretended to be very much embarrassed when she saw us ~ said she hadn't finished straightening up her house and she asked us to make ourselves as comfortable as possible while she got things a little more in order and put clean dresses on the dolls ~



Sponge said she needed to do a little cleaning up herself and she immediately got busy ~ I didn't see anything I could do and pretty soon I began to think that "playing house" was a pretty dull game for a pup like me ~



But just about that time a big puff of wind came along and blew away a couple of little aprons Betty was getting ready to put on the dolls ~

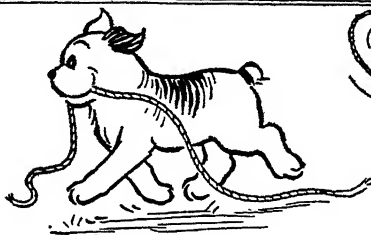


I ran after them and when I came back and gave them to Betty, she thanked me and said, "You certainly know how to make yourself useful!" ~ Naturally, I have come to the conclusion that "playing house" isn't such a bad game after all.

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"Well, I couldn't get out of it ~ The Boss simply wouldn't listen to reason."



I picked up a small rope in the alley this afternoon and carried it over to Betty's house ~ I had an idea that she and I could have some fun with it ~



She was glad to get it all right, but she didn't use it the way I expected her to ~ She made a "jumping rope" out of it and had a good time all by herself ~



I let her play with it a while and then I started barking and finally I convinced her that she ought to play a game that we both could enjoy ~



A moment later she was busy driving a stake into the ground and tying one end of the rope to it ~ I couldn't imagine what kind of a game it was going to be -

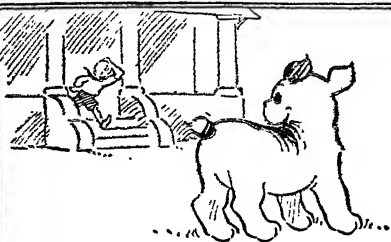


I soon found out though - She began turning the rope and said - "Now, let's see how fast you can jump it" ~ Well, it was a barrel of fun and I got along fine but I'm glad now that she played with it first and showed me how it was done, otherwise I wouldn't have known what she was talking about!

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"Take a look at me Sponge~The Boss certainly knows how to slick a fellow up, doesn't he?"



The Boss came bouncing out of the house this morning, the happiest looking fellow I ever saw!



He danced a lively jig around me and got me all excited and finally I demanded that he tell me what it was all about!



At last he calmed down, but before he began, he had me to sit up ~ said he could talk to me better that way. Pretty soon I was all set with both ears tuned up to get the big news ~

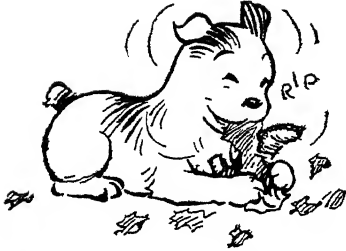


Then the Boss began: "Snubs", he said, "I don't have to go to school today, or to morrow, or the next day, or any other day for almost three whole months!!" - Now, what do you think of that?!

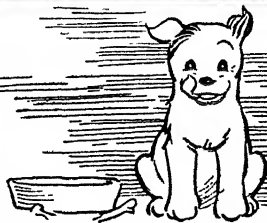


What I thought was that it was my turn to dance a jig and I didn't stop until I had shown the Boss that I was just as happy over it as he was!

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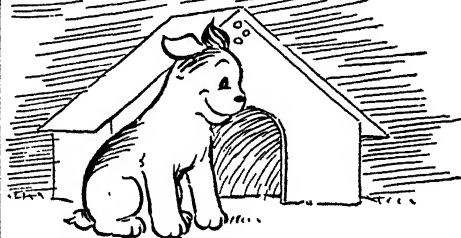
"The Boss says he can't understand why I like to play with an old shoe like this, but I notice he does the same thing to all the old alarm clocks and watches that he can get his hands on."



The Boss's school is out and now every day seems like a holiday~ We are on the go from morning until night~



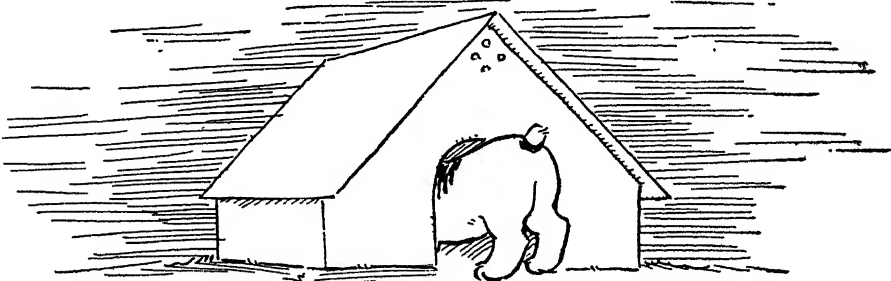
Of course he doesn't play with me all of the time, but even when he's running errands and doing odd jobs around the house it's a lot of fun to trot along and keep him company~



Let's see~ what did we do this morning~ ~ Oh, yes~ First we went to the grocery store, then the Boss mowed the lawn and when that was done we had a good time visiting with Lucy on the back porch while she peeled some potatoes~

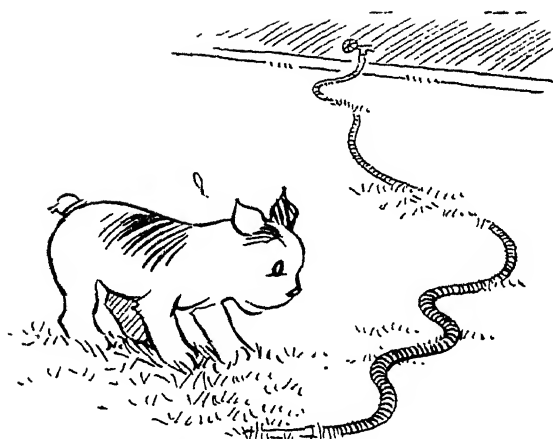


Then, this afternoon we played ball and won three exciting games~



It certainly seems wonderful for the Boss to be home every day~ Sometimes I wish he was like me and didn't ever have to go to school!

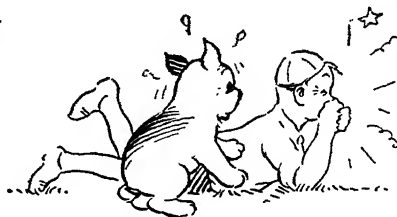
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"That's strange ~ I've been barking at that fellow for the last ten minutes and he hasn't even so much as wiggled."



I saw the Boss stretched out on the lawn and I thought to myself: Here's a fine chance to have a good tussle with him!



I didn't lose any time getting started, either! But I had no sooner begun than the Boss let out an awful shriek!



Naturally I stopped as quickly as I had begun and then I sidled around to see what had happened and to find out if he was very angry with me~



Suddenly, he let out another horrible shriek!!



But this time I saw him grinning and then I knew the joke was on me! He was making the funny noise by holding a little blade of grass between his hands and blowing on it~

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"I don't know how the Boss gets any fun out of having me sit up like this, but I'll do it any day for one of Mrs. Simpson's cookies."



Lucy gave me a good lecture this morning ~ said I was dragging entirely too much trash into the yard ~



She was cleaning up the yard and came across a big bone I mislaid a few days ago. I was glad to get hold of it again and I ambled away and buried it where it would be safe and out of everybody's way ~



Then I hurried back to see if she had found any more ~



She didn't say anything so I took it for granted that none had been found. Not having anything in particular to do I decided to look around a little myself ~

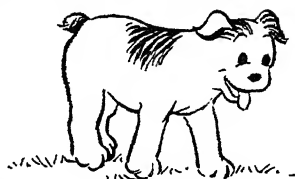


Well, I failed to locate any bones but I found the Boss' base ball bat that he has been searching for the last few days ~ I'll bet he will be happy when he hears about it, too!

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"Ah, here comes the
Boss—Wonder where
he's going!"



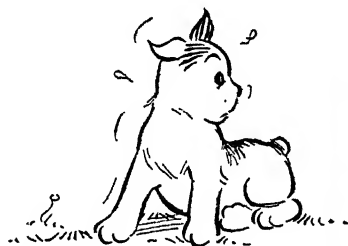
Things were a little quiet around the house this afternoon so I decided to take a little snooze ~



I picked out a nice soft spot under the big maple tree and was soon fast asleep ~



About a half an hour later something tickled me on the nose and awakened me ~ I looked all around but could not discover what it was ~



Just as I was about to doze off again the same thing got after one of my ears ~ I raised up real quickly in the hopes that I could catch him this time but there was nothing in sight - I finally decided I would have to look for a better spot if I expected to finish my nap ~

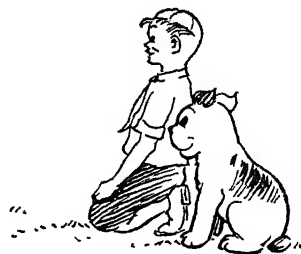


However, I had gone but a few steps when I discovered Betty and Sponge hiding behind the tree! That explained the whole business and what's more - I soon had something to do that was much more exciting than taking a nap!

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Guess I might as well not ask
him to let me go with him, though,-
-He never lets me follow him when
he's slicked up like that."



Mrs Simpson came out on the lawn where the Boss and I were cooling off and resting up after a long hike this afternoon and told the Boss she had some good news for him~

"Your Uncle George," she said, "wants you to come out to the farm and spend a few weeks with him"



The Boss bounced up quicker than a rubber ball and kicked up his heels and shouted "oh boy!" But he stopped suddenly and wanted to know if he would be able to take me along~

She said, "Why of course," and then the Boss caught hold of my front paws and we danced a jig together~



But pretty soon he settled down and told me all about his Uncle George and the farm and the cows, pigs, horses and everything we will see out there~ and now I can hardly wait until we get started!

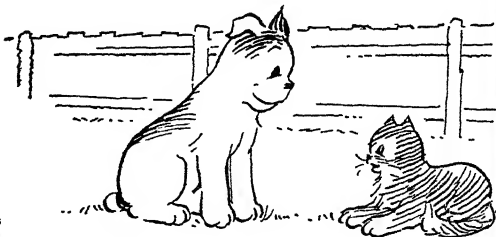
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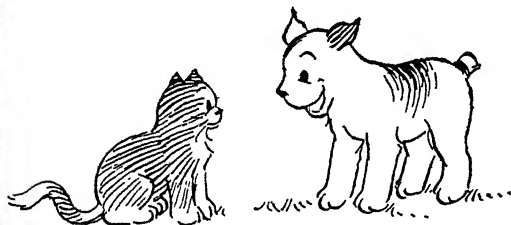
"Well, I had a lot of
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find anything."



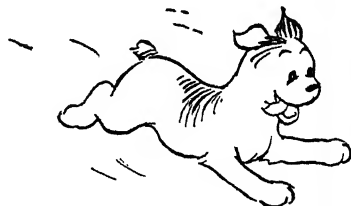
I happened to remember today that I have several nice, big bones laid away and I couldn't decide what to do with them ~ I didn't think the Boss would allow me to take them with me when we go out to his Uncle's farm ~



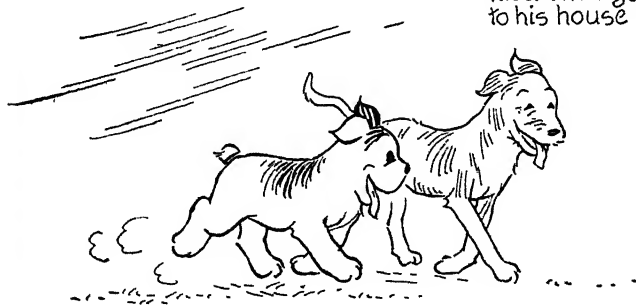
I finally asked Sponge what she thought about it. "Leave them where they are," she said "They will have plenty for you out on the farm!"



I didn't like to think of them going to waste, though, and I told her so. Then she asked me why I did not offer them to ol' Major ~



I thought that was a jim-dandy idea and I galloped straight over to his house with it!!

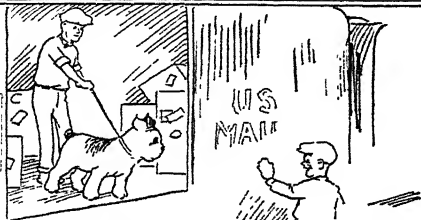


He said he could take care of them without any trouble at all, so I took him around and showed him where each one was buried!

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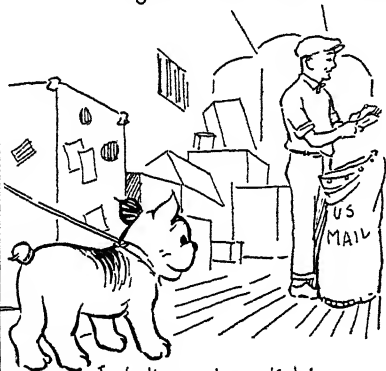
"~ And behave yourself
and take good care of Sponge
while I am away."



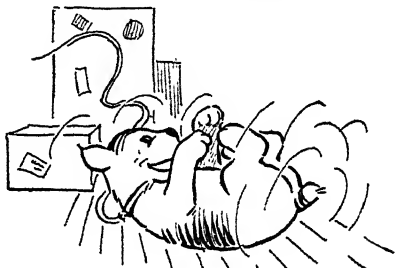
The day for the big trip arrived at last! But imagine my surprise when I discovered that the Boss and I would not ride together!! He gave me to the man in the baggage car and said he would come and get me again when we got to his Uncle's town ~



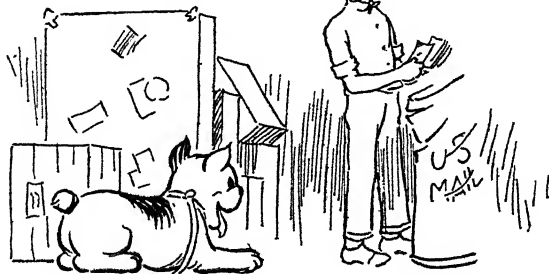
The train went so fast that it was all I could do to keep my feet on the floor! I finally got accustomed to it, though, and then I decided to see if I could not have some fun with the baggage man ~



I got as close to him as my leash would allow me and wagged my tail a few times, but he seemed to be too busy to pay any attention to me ~

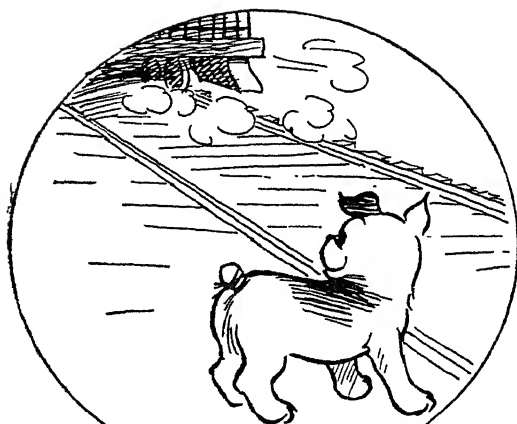


A few seconds later the train turned a sharp curve and the next thing I knew I was rolling over the floor like a rubber ball!!

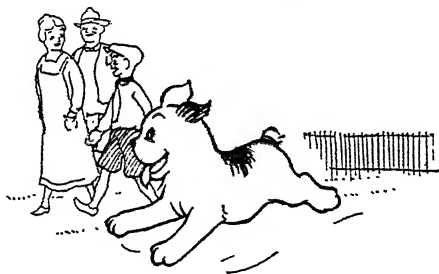


I got a good laugh out of the baggage man, though, and after that he became real friendly and before the trip was over I had had several exciting tussles with him!

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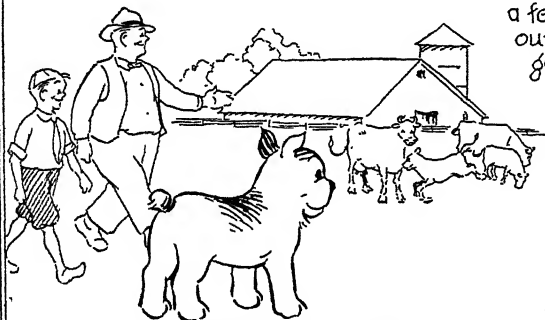
"That train can run
faster than I can all right
but it makes an awful
racket doing so!"



Well, we arrived at the farm in fine shape and met the Boss' Uncle George and Aunt Sue — They certainly are friendly people, too!



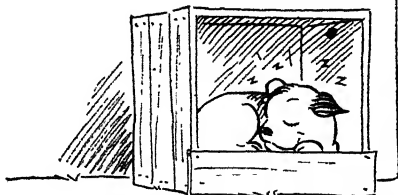
They insisted on the Boss going right in and having something to eat and a few minutes later Aunt Sue came out with a plate stacked high with good things for me!



Shortly afterwards Uncle George took us on a hike around the farm and such sights as we did see!!

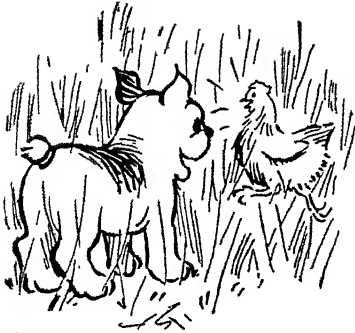


I suppose they were the animals the Boss told me about before we left home. Anyway, they certainly were interesting and not at all like I imagined they would be!



We got back just before dark and the Boss and his Uncle fixed me up a bed with a box and some straw and a soft rag carpet~ said they hoped that would suit me! Well, they wouldn't have had any doubt about it if they had waited around a few minutes and seen how quickly I dropped off to sleep!!

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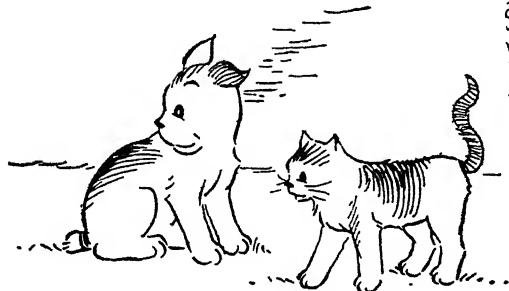
"My! What a racket!!"



I met another "member" of Uncle George's family today ~ A big, black and white cat. He says he has two names ~ Aunt Sue calls him "Kitty" and Uncle George calls him "Jasper".



I told him about my little friend Sponge and it made a great hit with him. Then he wanted to know if I had met his playmate. I told him I had not but that I would be glad to.



His name is "Inky," he said, "and I am sure you will like him." Just then we heard a funny little laugh in the direction of the back yard ~ "That's Inky now," Jasper said, "Come with me and I'll introduce you!"



Who can it be, I thought - It sounded like a little girl, but whose little girl could it be?

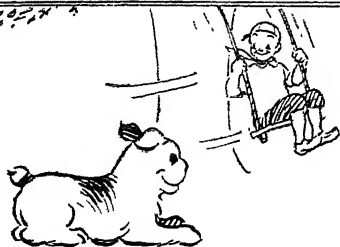


A moment later we walked into the yard and there, perched on a market basket was a shiny black crow!! "Inky," Jasper said, "this is Snubs. He is going to be with us for a few weeks!" I was too surprised to speak for a moment or two but I finally managed to tell him I was glad to meet him!

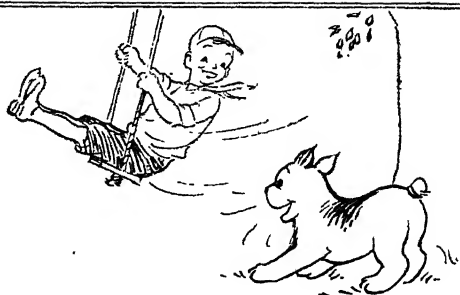
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"But no wonder - Just
look at what she had to
cackle about"~



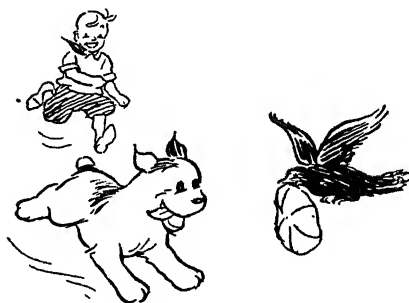
Uncle George put up a swing for the Boss this afternoon~ I watched him enjoy it for a half hour or more and then I began to think he ought to stop his swinging and do something else for a while~



Well, I barked and barked at him but it didn't seem to do much good~



I was about to give up when suddenly "Inky", the crow, flew down out of the tree and picked the Boss' cap off of his head and flew away with it!!



The Boss and I started after him but as soon as I had gotten a little ahead, "Inky" flew down and gave the cap to me and told me to run with it and let the Boss chase me~

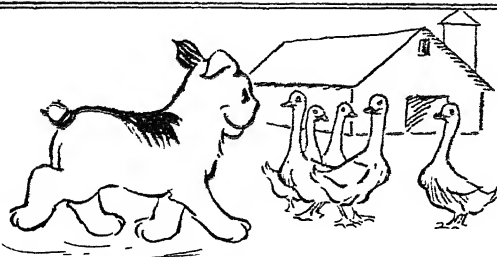


Well, we certainly had a lively time and the Boss didn't catch me until I was good and ready to let him! Inky sat on the fence and watched us and every time the Boss would almost catch me he would laugh to beat the band!!

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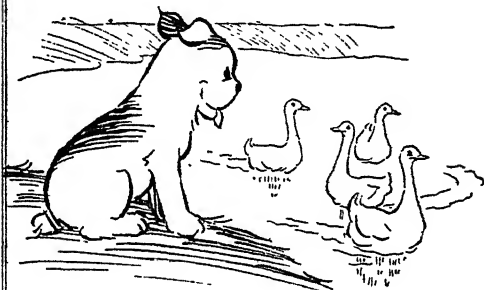
"I don't know what makes
the Boss think I like to
ride in a thing like this—"



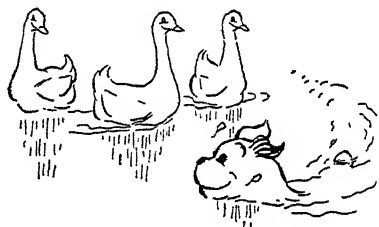
I ran across some of Uncle George's big white geese out in the barn yard this morning ~



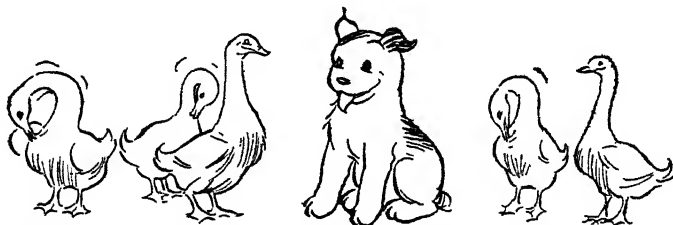
I galloped around and tried to have some fun with them but they didn't seem to be very sociable and finally they made a dash for the big pond ~



The next minute they went into the water with a big splash and began swimming around - After I had watched them sail around a few minutes it began to look so easy that I decided to see if I could not do it ~

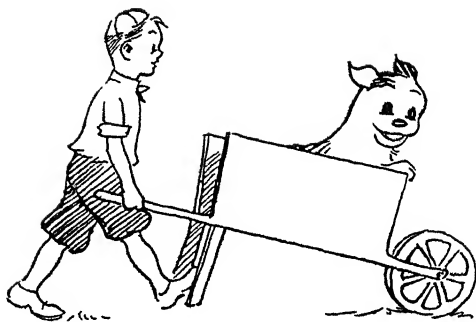


Well, it was easy enough to swim but somehow I couldn't make myself float on top of the water the way they could ~



However, the geese seemed to have a much better opinion of me after that - in fact, I had quite a nice visit with them while they slicked themselves up after the swim ~

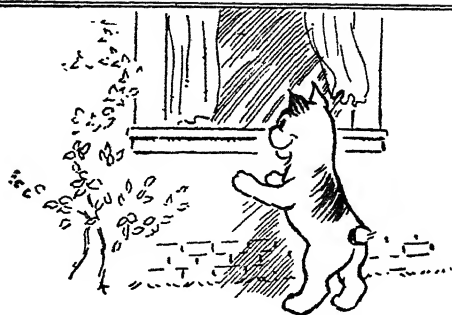
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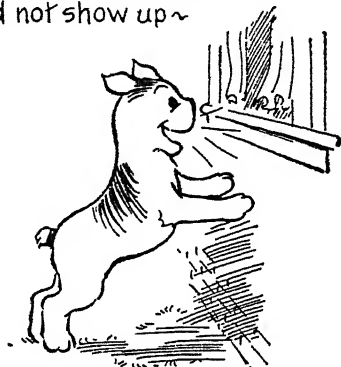
Maybe he figures it's the only way he can keep up with me."



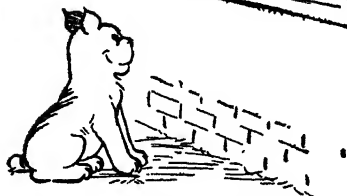
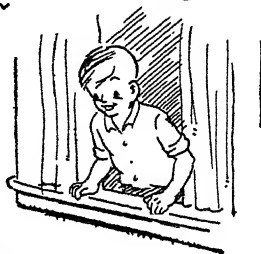
I waited and waited for the Boss this morning but for some reason or other he did not show up~



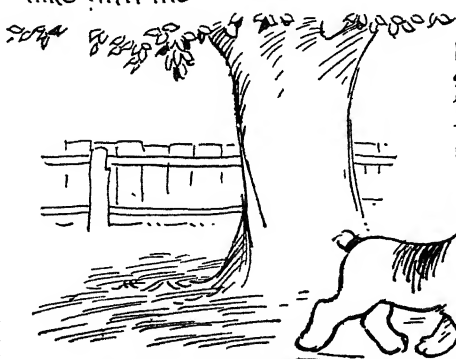
I finally began searching for him and soon afterwards I peeped through the living room window and saw him sitting at a table busily doing something~



I barked a couple of times and told him to hurry and finish whatever he was doing and come out and take a hike with me~

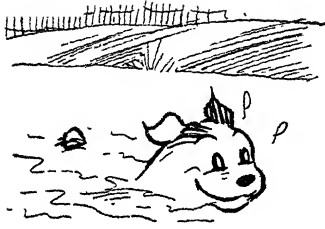


He came running to the window and said-"Hey Snubs, I'm writing a letter to Mother and Dad and shall I tell them 'hello' for you and to remember you to Sponge and Betty?"



I wagged my tail in a hurry and told him I thought that was a grand idea and that I was mighty glad he thought of it! Then I went away and let him write as long as he wanted to~

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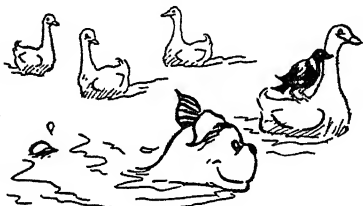
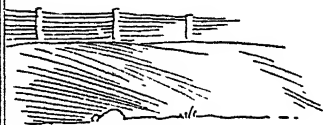
"I wish the ol' bath tub
that the Boss is always
putting me in was this
'nice!'"



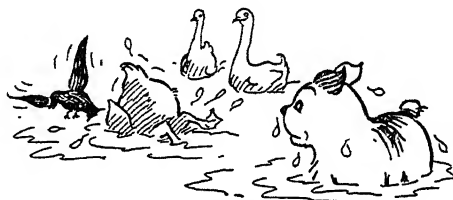
I had a lively time
playing with Inky
this morning ~



But after I had been playing with
him about half an hour I decided
I wanted to cool off a bit and I made
a "bee line" for the old pond ~



I splashed in as soon as I got
there and the water certainly did
feel fine! Inky had followed
me and the first thing I knew
he had flown down and landed
on one of the geese and was asking
for a ride around the pond!!

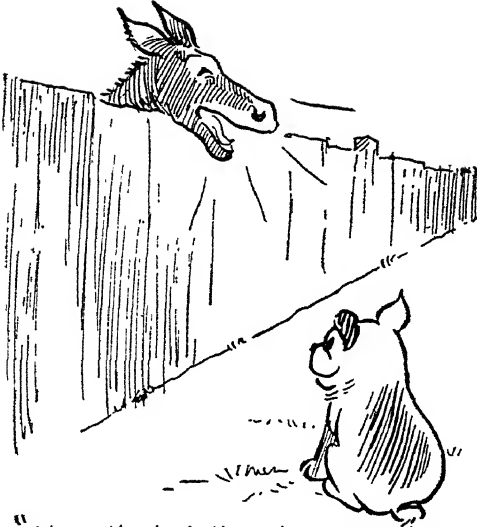


They got along fine until the
goose made a sudden dive for
something he saw under the
water and then Inky had to flap
his wings in a hurry to keep from
being spilled into the water!

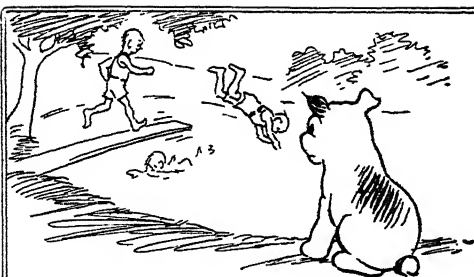


Of course, when the goose realized what he had done he was very sorry
and apologized to Inky and asked him to come back and have another ride ~
But Inky saw that I had finished my swim and was ready for another
frolic so he told the goose he would come back later for the ride ~

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"Now that fellow has what I
call a real bark."



This afternoon the Boss went swimming with Buddie and Jimmie - the neighbor's two boys - and I was very much puzzled at the way they kept jumping into the water~



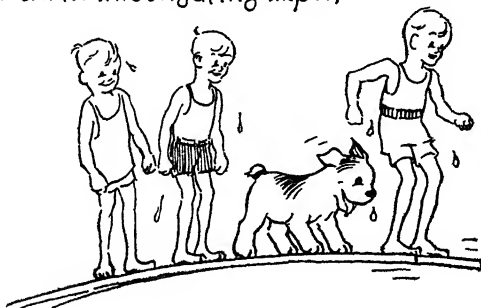
They seemed to be looking for something under the water~ I tried to see what it was but there was nothing in sight~



I figured it must be quite important, though, or they wouldn't be jumping in there so much so I decided to plunge in and do a little investigating myself~

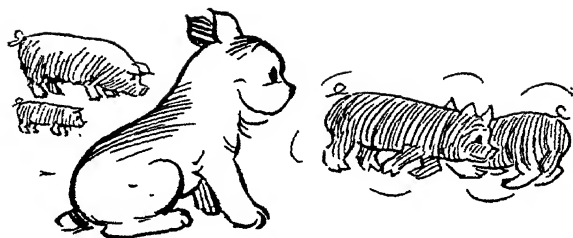


About all I was able to see, though, was the big splash I made when I hit the water!



But the boys seemed to think I did all right and from then on they insisted on me taking a jump every time they did!

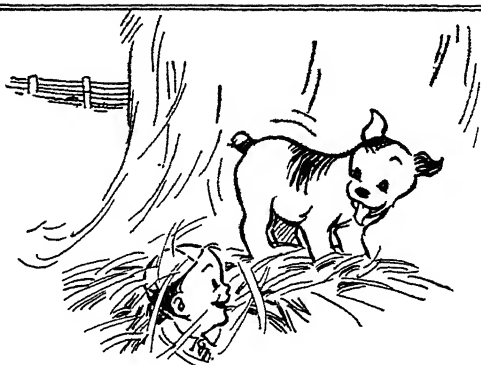
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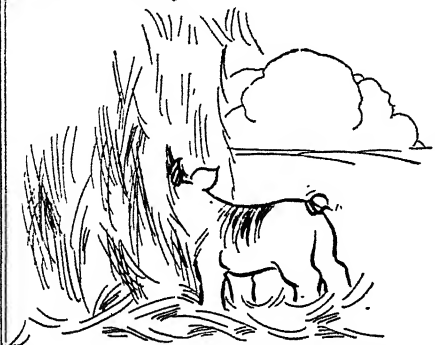
"I'll just watch them a few minutes
and maybe I will get some ideas,
I can use in my fussles with ol'
Major!"



The Boss and I had a fine time playing "hide and seek" around the old straw stack today ~



The first time he covered himself up with the straw and I walked all over him and never would have found him if he had not giggled and given himself away ~



The next time I looked all around the straw stack and investigated every place where I thought he might be hiding but I could find no trace of him ~

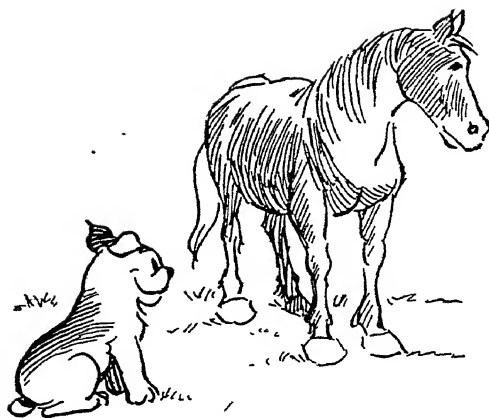


Then I stopped and intended to see if I could think of some other place to look, but just then the Boss came sliding down the side of the straw stack and landed right by my side! He had been hiding on top of the straw stack!



Well, after that I stayed right with him and didn't allow him to get out of my sight!

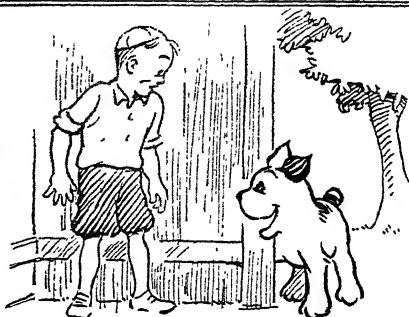
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"Sometimes I think it
would be nice to be big
and have long legs like
ol' Jim—"



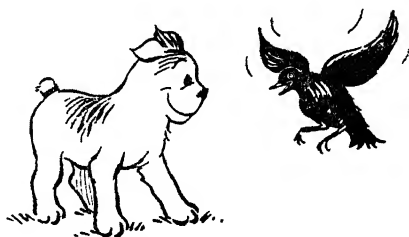
Inky and I certainly played a great trick on the Boss today!



The Boss was playing hide with me and he couldn't understand why it was so easy for me to find him ~



He did his best to hide where I could not find him but each time I was able to go right to him as soon as he whistled and told me he was ready ~

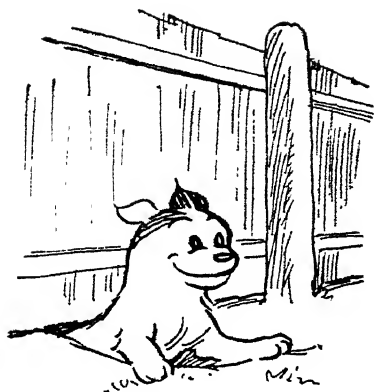


It was very easy, though, because Inky would fly up into a tree or on top of the house and watch him, and as soon as he had picked out a place to hide, Inky would fly down and tell me about it ~

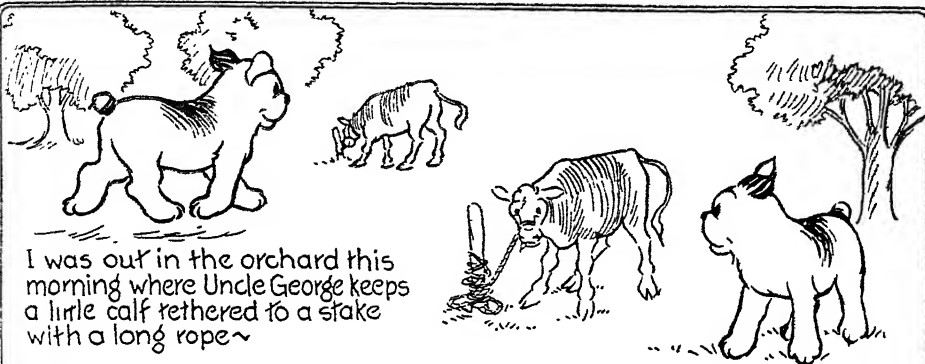


But finally, the Boss discovered our trick and then he proceeded to show us that he knew a trick or two himself. I needed Inky's help more than ever then but he was having too much fun watching our fussle to care to join in with us!

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"Then when I'm in a hurry and want to get through a place like this I am satisfied to keep the shape I have."

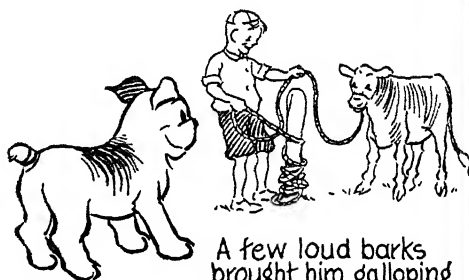


I was out in the orchard this morning where Uncle George keeps a little calf tethered to a stake with a long rope ~

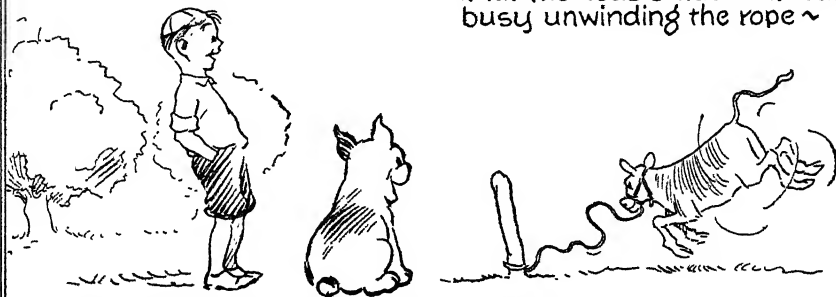


I knew that wasn't the way Uncle George had fixed it and I decided to call the Boss and see if he could not unfasten it so that the little calf could get out and eat some grass and get a little exercise ~

But he didn't seem to be enjoying himself very much this morning ~ The rope was all wrapped around the stake and was holding him in an uncomfortable position ~



A few loud barks brought him galloping to the scene - He immediately saw what the trouble was and was soon busy unwinding the rope ~

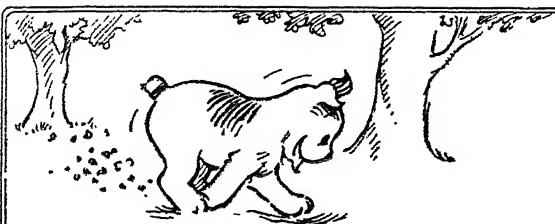


Well, the little fellow was so glad to be free again that he bounced around and kicked up his heels until he had given us several big laughs!

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"It beats me how the Boss can get so excited over a thing like that!"



I was scouting around in the orchard this morning and I found a place that aroused my curiosity ~



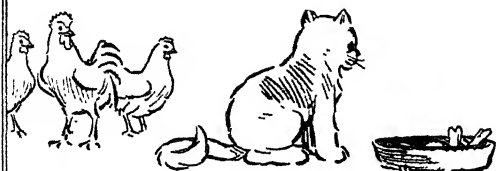
The ground was very soft and I soon had a large hole dug ~



About half an hour later Inky came along and I said: "Well, Inky, how would you like to be able to dig a big hole like this?" "That wouldn't interest me much," he said, "especially if it made me miss my lunch the way you are going to if you don't get out of there and run to the house as fast as you can!"



Well, what do you know about that! The Boss had been calling me for the last ten minutes and I was down in that hole and didn't hear him!

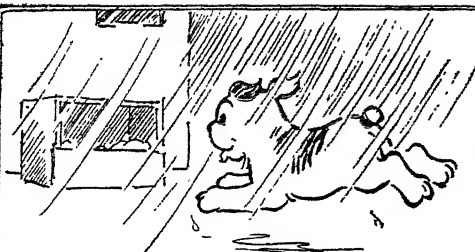


Everything was all right, though ~ Good ol' Jasper saved some of the lunch for me and kept the chickens away from it until I arrived!

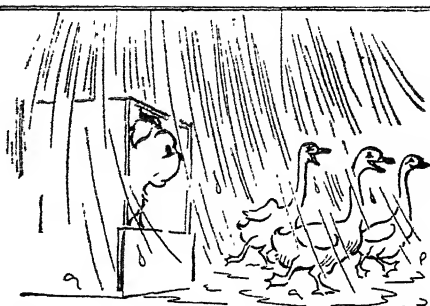
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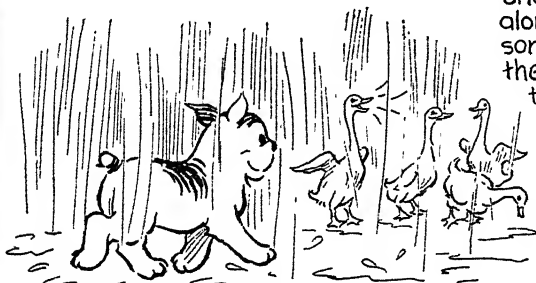
"Well, I've seen some strange sights since I came out to Uncle George's farm but this one beats them all!"



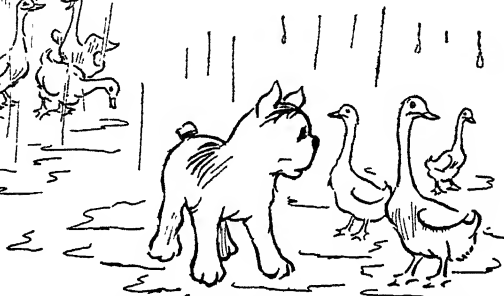
It began to rain quite suddenly this afternoon and I made a dash for my bunk and crawled into it ~



I was just thinking how nice it was to be in out of the rain when Uncle George's geese came waddling along. They were all excited about something and didn't seem to be the least bit disturbed over the rain ~



In fact, they seemed to be having such a good time that it wasn't long before I decided to join them ~

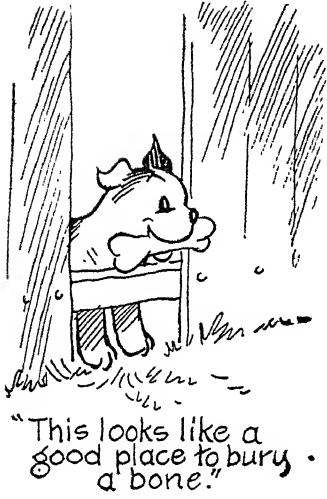


But the rain stopped as suddenly as it had begun - The geese were very much disappointed, too - said they had hoped it would last all afternoon ~



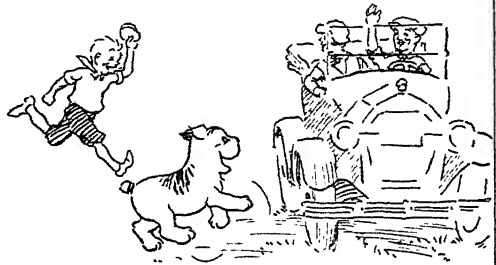
Well, I discovered shortly afterwards, that by splashing back and forth through the pools of water, I could give them what they said was a good imitation of a shower!

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The Boss and I heard an automobile coming up the road and someone was having a grand time blowing the horn-We ran out to the road to see what it was all about~



Well who do you suppose it was? ~ The Boss' mother and Dad!! They had come all the way from home in the car!



We certainly were glad to see them~ but they didn't have very good news for us~ Said they could stay only a little while and that we would have to go back with them as it soon would be time for the Boss to go back to school~

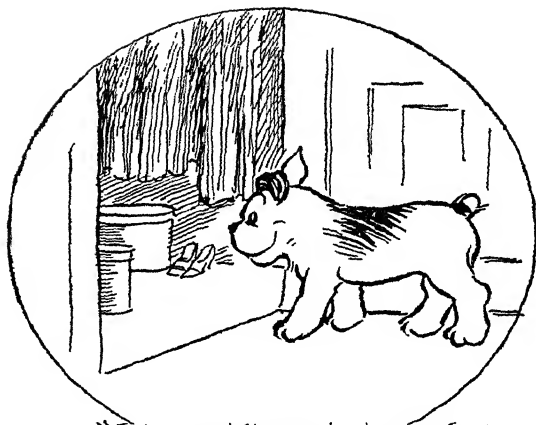


That didn't sound very good to us~ We wanted to stay with Uncle George another week or so anyway~



But of course we felt a little differently about it when Mrs Simpson began to tell us about the big time we would have driving back and how anxious Sponge and Betty and ol Major were to see us.

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"I haven't been in here for
a long time - Guess I'll look
around and see what I
can find."



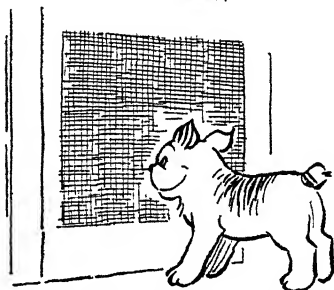
Well, here we are at home again! We arrived this afternoon after a long and exciting automobile trip and the first thing I did was to find Sponge and tell her about the interesting times I had been having!



Then we called on Betty and visited with her a few minutes ~ She's as jolly and good-natured as ever-



Suddenly, Sponge reminded me that I had not said "hello" to Lucy ~ "You had better go and see her right away," she said, "or she might feel bad about it!"



I quickly agreed with her and a few moments later I peeped into the kitchen and there was Lucy - as busy as ever with her cooking!



* Well, well, how do you do, Mr. Pup? she exclaimed when she looked around and saw me. ~ And a moment later she brought out a plate full of delicious bones and said: "I heard you were coming home so I saved them for you!" Well, sir, I had a fine time on the farm, but just the same, I am glad to be at home once more!

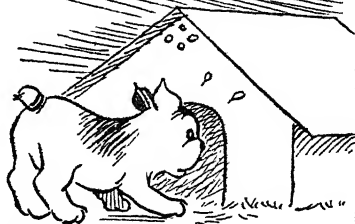
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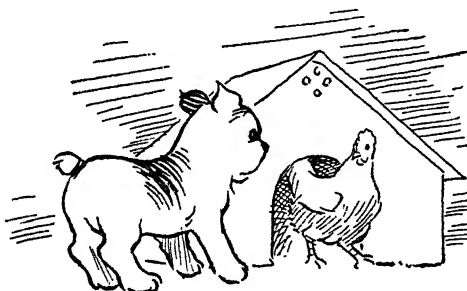
"Ah, wasn't that
great!"



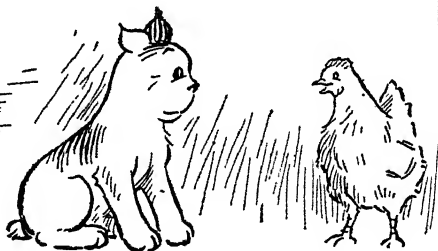
A funny thing happened today ~ I had had a big day and I decided to turn in a little earlier than usual ~



I was just about to crawl into my bunk when I discovered that someone was already occupying it!



I barked a time or two and demanded to know who it was and out walked one of Mrs. Simpson's large white hens!



"Excuse me," she said. "I didn't know that was your house. It has been vacant for several weeks and I had about decided that it would be a good place to have a nest!"



That being the case, I guess we didn't leave Uncle George's farm any too soon!!

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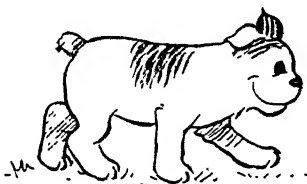
"Now for a nice shady spot
and a little snooze"



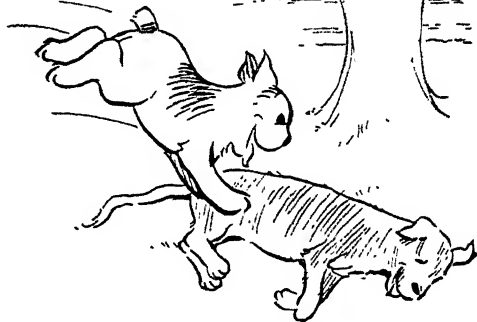
I suddenly realized this morning that I had not seen ol' Major since I came home and I decided it was high time I was paying him a visit ~



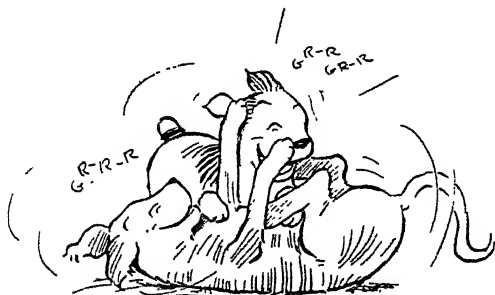
He was in his favorite spot near the big maple tree taking a snooze ~



That gave me an idea and I crept very quietly up to him ~



When I got close enough I made a dive for him, expecting to give him a big surprise-

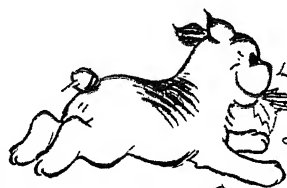


But I discovered he had been peeping at me out of one eye and was well prepared for me and gave me the liveliest tussle I have had in a long time! So I was the one that got the big surprise!

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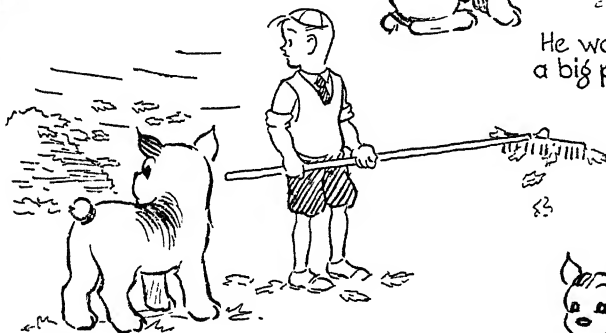
"I believe that if I could sink my teeth into it just right I could soon take it away from him."



The Boss had a nice job raking the leaves off of the lawn this morning~



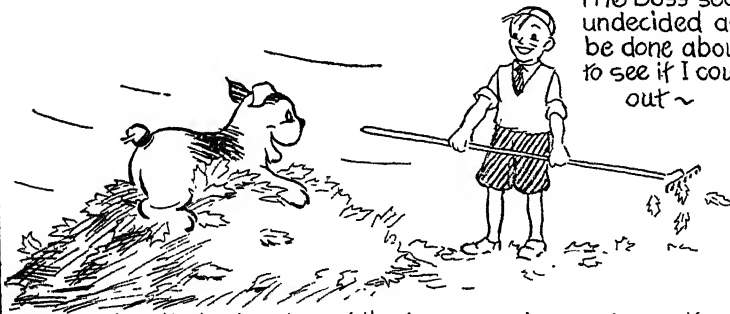
He worked fast and soon had a big pile of them gathered up~



But while he was raking up some more a breeze sprang up and began to scatter the leaves over the lawn again~



The Boss seemed to be undecided as to what should be done about it, so I decided to see if I couldn't help him out~



I simply climbed on top of the leaves and spread myself out over them as much as possible, but it ended our troubles with the wind and gave me a comfortable place to rest besides!

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"Well, guess I'll call
it a day."



The expressman delivered a large package to the Boss this morning and he got all excited about it because it was addressed to him—said it was from his Uncle George~



He quickly opened it up and out rolled a lot of funny little round objects~



I picked up one and dashed away with it and expected him to chase me~ But he said, "Hey!—Come back here—These things are to be eaten and not played with!"

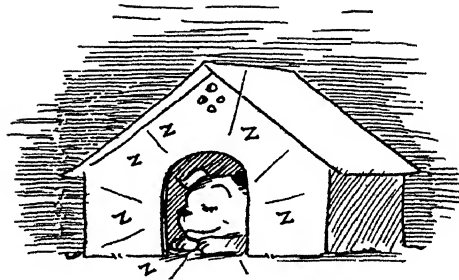


Eaten! "Why," I said to myself, "how can anyone eat a thing like that?~It's as hard as a rock!" I felt sure he was joking with me but I ambled back and gave it to him, anyway~



And pretty soon I found out a thing or two~I found out that those funny little round thing were hickory nuts and that by cracking them open a fellow could get some delicious "goodies" out of them!

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